

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Page 1; after title insert:**

--This application is a national stage of International Application No. PCT/JP05/01060  
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**Replace the paragraph on page 1, beginning at line 13 with the following:**

The apparatus described in Japanese Patent Laying-Open No. 08-155430 is provided with an intermediate pipeline portion mixing air introduced from outside with water flowing inside, in an intermediate portion of a pipeline. The apparatus is provided with a nozzle in a rear portion of the pipeline, and the pipeline changes its direction in a portion ahead of the nozzle. Further, the apparatus is provided with a venturi tube structure at a position ~~downstream~~upstream of the nozzle. This apparatus is designed to increase the amount of oxygen contained in water by introducing air from outside via a through-hole provided in the venturi tube structure and mixing the air with water discharged from the nozzle.